(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to fix formulation prices on the market price of Diloxanide Furoate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) BICP conducted cost-cum-technical study for bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate and Submitted its report to this Department in February, 1989. For this study BICP studied the cost structure of M/s Boots, M/s Camlin and M/s Unique.

(b) There is no information available with the Government that M/s. Boots is out of production of bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate and is purchasing bulk drug from M/s. Camlin.

(c) The prices ceiling pack of formulation based on bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate have been fixed at the current notified price of Rs. 501 per Kg.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no information with the Government that the bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate is being sold at price lower than the notified price.

Price of Cimetidine

3099. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of Cimetidine on which the formulation prices are based at present and when were they fixed for the leading brands;

(b) whether it is a fact that landed cost of import has declined to Rs. 2,857 per Kg. but formulation prices continue to be based on Cimetidine prices of Rs. 6,800 per Kg.;

(c) the reasons for which the price of formulations was not reduced *suo-moto* and the authority responsible for allowing unintended benefit to the producers for such a long period; and

(d) what steps are being now contemplated to bring down the prices immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The existing prices of ceiling packs of formulations of Cimetidine are based on bulk drug price of Rs. 1363.16 (cif) per Kg. These prices were fixed on 29-6-1989 on *suo moto* basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prices of Proxyvon range of formulations

3100. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of overcharging of prices of Proxyvon range of formulations an Ibudex came to notice in 1984 and since then the company has been avoiding to furnish the details and changing the producer from Panama Industries and so on;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company have overcharged the public by crores of rupees;

(c) whether prosecution of the producer have not been launched under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard and what action is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Sir, this fact came to the notice of the Government while examining the cases of overcharging in the prices of these formulations by M/s. Ultim and M/s. Celsus, based on a letter received in August, 1988 from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(b) Sir, it is a fact that there has been overcharging in the prices of Proxyvon range of formulations and Ibudex capsules. However, the amount of unintended benefit could not be calculated because the companies concerned have not furnished the requisite dttails despite remainders.

(c) and (d) This is under examination.